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REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

PRESS AS GOVERNMENT

Patrick O'Donovan, correspondent in the United States for the London Observer, tells his readers that the press is so influential in this country that "it would be fair to outline the American Government as consisting of President, Congress, Supreme Court, and Press."

He then goes on to say that the press in this country is on the whole "serious . . . consciously moral in intention, and a little less subject to national prejudices and blind spots than the press of any other large country."

This is very encouraging, especially in view of the low esteem for the press which anyone must have felt who was immersed in the recent dispute of Theatrical Janitors 9 with the County Fair authorities.

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THE FAIR & A UNION

The County Fair is an important institution, as it puts on display many of the products on which our prosperity is based. A labor union is important, because it guards the economic welfare not only of its members, but of the whole economy which sags if purchasing power is kept in the hands of the few and not allowed to get into the hands of the bulk of our people.

But was the frenzy of the press, the sending of reporters and camera men to every place where the dispute between County Fair and labor union seemed to be coming to a head, the pleadings of the reporters to get into every session and hear every word said—was this due to interest of the press in County Fair or labor union?

Not on your life! This frenzy was due to the frightful danger, the dread menace, to ten days of horse racing at the fair.

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PRESS & PEOPLE

As Bob Ash repeatedly told the Central Labor Council, the whole Key System can be shut down, and not a reporter telephones him. A strike can be called against all the hospitals, and the tranquillity of the press is undisturbed. But let ten days of horse racing be menaced, and the press goes crazy.

Does the Press, like the President, the Congress, and the Supreme Court, on the whole roughly represent the real estate and aspirations of the people of the most famous and powerful democracy on earth?

S. F. POSTAL WORKERS fired for picketing, C. C. Eustace and T. H. Monroe, are entitled to jobless pay, a referee held this week.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Quinn, former BTC head, discusses his candidacy

takes in one billion twenty million dollars annually.

Quinn's own district includes 18 counties, from Sacramento county to the bounds of Los Angeles county. There are 14 officers under his direct supervision, and a total of 65 in the board's total jurisdiction, which even has offices in Chicago and New York to collect taxes on some things sold in California.

Quinn's district is the largest one. There are four elected members and one ex officio. He said he would be campaigning from now until November, and asked the support of labor. He said that he was doing all he could to defeat "right to work."

President J. S. Miller said, "We won't let you down, Jim," and C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36, said that it would be a sad thing indeed if labor failed to give Quinn thorough backing, although, unlike most of the candidates labor is supporting this year, Quinn is a Republican.

"Jim is a good union man, and union men are for him," concluded Risley.

DONATIONS

On recommendation of the Board of Trustees, donations were authorized to Father Flanagan's boys town, and to Father Hana's; and also a donation to the City of Hope, the hospital

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Electricians 1245 get strike sanction against Key lockout

Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley of Local Union 1245, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFLCIO, announces that the union has sought and obtained strike sanction from the Alameda County Central Labor Council against the Key System Transit lines.

The strike request followed the Key System's action effective June 30, 1958, terminating the existing agreement with the union which covers wages, hours and working conditions for all electrical classifications of work for which the union has been re-certified as the collective bargaining agency by the National Labor Relations Board for over 10 years.

During recent weeks, Weakley said, the union has made repeated attempts to avert the necessity of action particularly due to the nature of the industry. To date, the California State Conciliation Service, from which the union requested assistance, has been unsuccessful about a settlement.

Weakley stated that union will continue to take all steps available to it in order to avoid inconvenience to the public, however, should it become necessary, "strike action will be taken against the arbitrary action of the company in locking out employees who are members of the union."

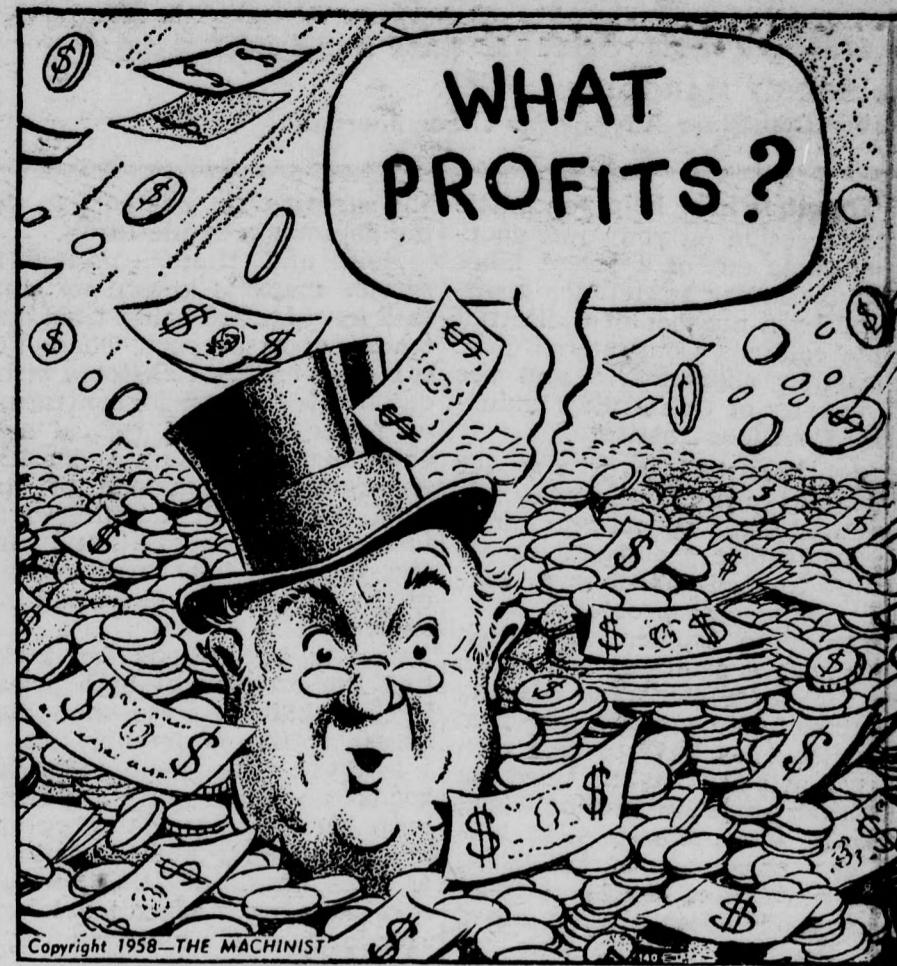
Culinary unions negotiating

As East Bay Labor Journal went to press this week the negotiations between the Joint Board of Culinary Workers and the restaurant and tavern owners were continuing in Oakland and the northern end of Alameda county.

In the southern end of the county where Hayward Culinary Workers 823 has the jurisdiction the date of expiration of the

contract has been extended 'till July 21, and today (Friday) another meeting is being held by the negotiators, says Secretary Roy Woods.

In the northern end of the county the employers have been asking that bartenders and cooks take a cut of \$1 a day, and waitresses and dishwashers a cut of 50 cents a day.



Whole strength of CLC staff thrown into fight against 18

The Central Labor Council voted this week to excuse Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash from all ordinary duties, that he may concentrate his attention upon the fight against Proposition 18, the Knowland-backed Employer - Employee Relations initiative which would destroy the union shop.

It was announced that the two assistant secretaries of the council, Richard Groulx and Arthur Hellender, have been assigned to work in the 7th and 8th Congressional Districts, respectively, aiding Ash in the organization of the campaign.

Ash said that the old Central Labor Council office on the first floor of the Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez street will be the headquarters of labor's drive in Alameda county against Proposition 18 and to elect candidates for State and Federal office endorsed by Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE). He said some unions would do well to finance a permanent staff there.

Two points about the campaign against No. 18 were especially emphasized:

1—Never call it the "right to work" measure again, as there are still some voters who are confused by the enemy-invented term, and who think that it means everyone will be entitled to a job if it passes. Call it No. 18 or the Employer-Employee Relations measure.

2—Get every labor person and every friend of labor registered as the first and fundamental task, realizing that there are still many thousands of actual members of labor unions who are not registered.

Ash said that in the 8th Congressional District, where for years the incumbent has been labor-endorsed Democratic Congressman George P. Miller, there is a fair basis for systematic campaigning, but that in the 17th Congressional District, where labor-backed Democrat Jeffery Cohelan, is campaigning to unseat a Republican Knowlandite who has held the seat for years, much of the organization will have to be built from the ground up.

Jack Tobler, United Auto Workers, commented that he believed there was little use waiting for other groups in that Congressional District, and especially in the 17th Assembly Dis-

trict part of it, to get together and handle the project, but that "we'll have to do it ourselves."

Tobler said that the experience of his own union had been that if some 40 persons would devote two weekends to registering persons in that area, the job could get done.

Ash noted that in a bulletin sent out to all affiliated unions on the campaign plans it was mistakenly stated that the County Clerk's office charges five cents per name for checking to determine whether members of a union are registered. The charge is now ten cents. At the time the bulletin was issued the new price was not known.

Russ Crowell of the Cleaners local commented that he doubted if much of that work could get done by the County Clerk's office, anyway. He had applied there, found that his was the 2nd union to apply, but even so it would be weeks before they could take up his union's work, so he decided it was better to pay the ten cents per name to some of his local's unemployed people for doing the work.

The fact that many people are still unregistered was brought out by the discovery that there are at least 14,000 persons unregistered in the 8th Congressional District, and that in its 13th Assembly District a total of 8,000 new registrations were made for the primary election, according to Hellender.

West and North Oakland and South Berkeley folk asked to be registrars

People in West Oakland, North Oakland, and South Berkeley who are willing to become deputy registrars to register persons so they can vote against "right to work" are invited to meet Dick Groulx, CLC assistant secretary, at 8 p.m. Thursday, July 17, on the ground floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland.

CLC delegates seated

Delegates obligated by Central Labor Council President Al Brown at this week's meeting were: Dae B. Lewis, Steelworkers 5450; E. C. Perry, Steelworker Machinists 1304; J. R. Leopold, D. L. LaRieu, Painters 127.

Register, get your friends registered to vote to save your union in November!

HOW TO BUY

California consumers meet

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Tips that may help you battle the recession on your own doorstep came out of a recent labor and consumer conference sponsored by a number of California labor councils, Consumers Union, consumer cooperatives and the University of California's Industrial Relations Institute.

Significantly, 80 of the 160 delegates to the Conference, represented labor unions who joined the consumer groups in an attempt to find solutions to current living-cost problems.

The main problem for which they sought solutions is a tough one: even while wage-earning families try to cope with reduced incomes, they have to deal with a rear attack from the third big inflation since the end of World War II. Since the start, in 1956 of the current upsurge, living costs have risen about eight percent. Food prices alone jumped 7 percent in just the twelve months from the Spring of 1957 to this past Spring.

The twin pressures of recession and inflation are forcing many families to cut their consumption of some of the most basic foods as milk and meat. The drop in consumption of milk is noticeable in areas of heavy unemployment, the U. S. Agriculture Department reports.

It was pointed out that an underlying reason for the increasing spread between farm and retail prices is the higher marketing margins required by both processors and retailers.

In the case of processors, the trend has been to package common foodstuffs under brand names.

Chief reasons for the advance in supermarket margins are today's more elaborate stores, extra service and the many brands of each item food stores now stock. Now a new type of store is being born in this recession just as

the supermarket was born in the big depression of the 1930's.

Here and there small self-service markets known as bantam markets are being tried out, trade experts report. These are carefully-engineered stores without the frills, and concentrating on fewer brands. A typical new experimental bantam super has five-foot aisles instead of the usual six, 18-inch shopping carts instead of the usual 24, and carries only 1300-1800 items instead of the 4000-5000 in the usual big super.

Among suggestions for tackling the problem of high prices in the middle of a recession, discussed at the conference, are:

1—Stick to medium-priced goods when shopping to avoid both the quality deterioration becoming apparent in some lower price lines, and the unnecessary extra tariff asked for deluxe and fancy-grade merchandise.

2—Take advantage of specials and sales. Manufacturers have been reluctant to openly reduce list prices but have been offering many special short-term specials. For example, auto makers resist cutting suggested list prices but do give dealers special merchandising allowances late in the model season so the dealers can cut prices.

3—We need also to take greater advantage of the savings available in private brands. This is not as important these days in buying appliances, because discounts now are widely available, on advertised brands of appliances. But private brands are more valuable than ever in foods, drugs, toiletries, hardware and some home furnishings.

Here's a typical example of the difference in price of the same goods under a nationally-advertised brand and retailers' private brands. The Federal Trade Commission found that the Borden Company sells canned milk under its own name for \$6.45 a case, but sells to retailers under their own brand names at \$5.01 to \$5.59 a case. When you go to the store to buy canned milk, you pay 15½ cents a can under the Borden name but only 13 to 13½ cents under retailers' brand names.

4—The most important trend being spurred by the colliding forces of high prices and reduced incomes is group buying. The group trend is most noticeable in certain services which have advanced sharply in cost and which families can't solve on an individual basis, as housing, medical services and insurance. For example, Oregon labor unions are experimenting with group auto insurance for their members. Credit unions have become a valuable source of low-cost life and even auto insurance. Retail clerks in Los Angeles operate a group buying service for life, auto and even fire insurance.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

SKIN DIVING is being taken up by women as a sport to such an extent, says the sporting goods section of one big department store, that already there have been some changes in the design of masks, goggles and fins made to please the women.

Blue skin diving outfits please the ladies much more than sea-weed green or squib black, it seems.

Some of the people who sell such equipment claim that within a few years a common question will be, "How do I look underwater?"

SINCE WORLD WAR II about a million persons in the United States have taken the plunge into the new sport. During the war many GIs had learned the sport in Europe, where equal numbers of men and women practice it.

Prominent women taking it up in this country have helped to spread the practice. For example: Clare Boothe Luce, Mrs. Gary Cooper, Ida Lupino, Esther Williams, Jane Russell, and Sophia Loren.

And don't forget Grace Kelly: One manufacturer says she was an avid snorkel diver before meeting Prince Rainier, who has long been a skin diver.

EQUIPMENT COSTS about \$80 for a skin diver: suit, mask, snorkel, spear, and fins. So you can see that the sporting goods people have a good sound motive for encouraging women to take up the pastime.

While there will be a few drownings as the sport spreads, and various other mishaps, the increase of any sport in which people actually participate rather than merely act as spectators seems a good thing.

Skin divers will certainly be more healthy and ought to be better citizens than those folks whose sole exercise consists in climbing in and out of an automobile and up to and down from a bar stool.

Don't spare the rod!

Teaching children neatness and orderliness is an uphill job.

For most 3 to 5 year old children, place closet rods about 30 inches from the floor. Raise the rod to about 45 inches from the floor for 6 to 12 year olds. An adjustable rod makes it possible to change the height without use of hammer and screw driver.

If closet rods are at adult heights, place shelves and compartments below which children can use as steps. A grab bar on the wall will keep the child from falling.

To tenderize

To tenderize a tough steak, rub it on both sides with a mixture of vinegar and olive oil and let it stand for two hours. The vinegar and oil will not affect the flavor.

BOOST THE LABEL!

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When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:



Barbara Bell Patterns



Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

NOW THAT THE FOURTH is over and done with one more time, we are all set to assess the casualties.

Seems odd, doesn't it that in order to celebrate our nation's birthday we have to go out and murder ourselves, in one way or another.

We are inclined to feel very smugly civilized today as we look back upon the barbarities of a few decades back. No longer do we have the dreadful toll of children killed or maimed or blinded for life by carelessly handled cannon-crackers or sky-rockets.

Indeed, this last Fourth has been pronounced the quietest and "safest" ever in most places. A few pops of cap pistols, and a little play with sparklers and "snakes" was all there was to it, so far as the kids were concerned.

Quiet indeed it was, but safe?

Americans are an ingenious and enterprising people. Bored, perhaps, with the relative safety of fireworks, they have worked out a far more devastating death-dealing engine of destruction—the automobile.

The number of deaths on the highway this Fourth was lower than anticipated, but it was plenty high! As the cars get "safer," the highways broader and straighter—and "safer," we continue to pile up casualties.

Speed is listed as one of the greatest causes of accidents. And "aggression" seems to be a prime factor in speeding.

In other words, a driver speeds, not just to get some place in a hurry, but to pass the other fellow, or show, (perhaps only to himself) what a great brave fellow he is.

It is, of course, mostly young people who indulge in this sort of folly, but there are a goodly number in the upper age brackets who take this idiotic way of working off feelings of inferiority.

Well, it was Independence Day, wasn't it? It is true that we are now independent of King George III., but our most brilliant scientists have not yet found a way to set us free from the ancient laws of physics.

When an irresistible force meets an immovable object—well, the results are just the same as they were in King George's time, and for some few years even farther back than that.

Saving on meat

The average family spends about one-fourth to one-third of its food dollar for meat.

Retail meat dealers say that the great demand for the more tender cuts along the back of the animal keeps these cuts priced high.

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Hutcheson probe ends; Hoffa & gang quiz is commenced

A "close - knit, clandestine criminal syndicate" has "infiltrated" business enterprises and the labor movement as a "front" for its "illegal activities," the McClellan committee has charged.

Chairman John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) in a statement opening a new phase of the committee's hearings, contended "the relationship of the national criminal syndicate with legitimate labor and business is far more critical than has heretofore been revealed," adding that it presented a grave threat to "the destiny of our national economy."

As a starting point, the committee began looking into the widely - publicized "gangland convention" held at Apalachin, N. Y., and promptly ran into a flurry of Fifth Amendment pleas by witnesses questioned about their attendance at the meeting on the estate of Joseph M. Barbara, Sr., a former official of a soft drink firm.

McClellan said the new hearings were the natural outgrowth of earlier testimony which, he said, had shown:

- That "gangsters led by John (Johnny Dio) Dioguardi and Anthony (Tony Ducks) Corallo infiltrated" the New York labor movement, "using their union positions for purposes of extortion, bribery and shakedowns."

- That Teamster Pres. James R. Hoffa "used Dioguardi and Corallo in his efforts to capture control of the union."

- That Vincent J. Squillante "self-styled godson of Albert Anastasia, the late lord high executioner of Murder, Inc., seized control" of the New York garbage industry and "used labor union connections to whip recalcitrant operators into line."

Before moving to this phase of its investigation, the committee wound up hearings on the Carpenters. The union's president, Maurice A. Hutcheson, said he would ask his executive board to consider committee testimony concerning the union's payment of \$310,000 for the publication of a book about his father, the late William L. Hutcheson. McClellan said the charges for the book by New York Publisher Maxwell Raddock were "excessive."

Hutcheson declined to testify whether Raddock was involved in an alleged payoff to block Hutcheson's indictment in Lake County, Ind., for participation in an alleged \$78,000 land fraud, on the grounds that he was later indicted in Marion County, Ind., in connection with the same land deal.—AFLCIO News.

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AFL endorsement session August 27

The California Labor League for Political Education will hold its pre-general election endorsement convention Wednesday, August 27, in San Francisco, it is announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state political unit.

Convention sessions will be held in California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, in downtown San Francisco.

Main business of the convention will be to (1) review primary endorsements of the CLLPE, (2) endorse in those instances where the position of the League has not been recorded to date, (3) endorse in those districts where candidates backed by the League failed to qualify at the primary election.

Registration of delegates will commence Tuesday afternoon, August 26, in the Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets. The Clift will serve as the headquarters hotel. — State LLPE Newsletter.

Negro but GOP, so Negroes agin him?

John Adams, Jr., Negro, Republican nominee for Assemblyman from the 24th District in San Francisco, is making a survey of the Filmore street area, precinct by precinct, to find out why he was not supported by the voters of his own race in the primary election.

The Chronicle reports that Franklin H. Williams, regional secretary - counsel for the NAACP, said Adams was unsupported as a candidate against Democratic against Democratic incumbent Edward M. Gaffney because "he is a Republican."

"I don't believe any Republican in California," said Williams, a Democrat himself, "has a chance in a predominantly Negro district. Our people are placing party above race."

WILLIAM STUMPF, Steelworker Machinists 1304, called attention of the Central Labor Council to the organized real estate men having voted to give all possible support to Proposition 18 aimed against the union shop.



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Editor, Labor Journal:

My executive board has asked me to inform you that we had a very important election last Thursday and re-elected all officers, and a new business representative. The result of the election for business representative was:

Charles A. Richards 50 votes

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Officers are as follows:

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Recording Secretary.

Community ideal of responsibility

NEW YORK—A call to a concerted drive for civil responsibility was sounded by AFLCIO President George Meany in a message to the Catholic Inter-racial Council of New York upon his presentation with the James J. Hoey Award for Interracial Justice.

Meany accepted the honor, in absentia, on behalf of all members of the AFLCIO. His message was read by AFLCIO Regional Director William Collins.

"We believe civil responsibility—the responsibility of every citizen toward his fellow man—must be promoted and vigorously exercised by the whole community in order to achieve the full measure of justice, which we know to be the only true basis on which a good society can be built and governed by men," he said.

Meany expressed the belief that interracial justice "can be achieved in our time."

"We look forward to the day," he added, "when awards such as this will be no longer necessary because interracial justice will be the accepted and the normal practice in our land."—AFLCIO.

The Young America baseball league needs equipment

The Central Labor Council on the recommendation of its executive committee has authorized publication in East Bay Labor Journal of the following letter from Abe Rose the sporting goods dealer, to CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash:

We are starting our fifth year of Young America Baseball leagues which start June 29th and which embraces boys from 10 to 13 years of age. Last year we had over 3000 boys participating.

This year we have made plans to enlarge our baseball program and we are appealing to organizations like yours which we are certain would like to join in making this Junior baseball program the finest in our area.

Already we have leagues of the Elks, Eagles, many service Clubs such as Optimist, Rotary and Kiwanis. We would like to welcome you into this fine baseball movement and know that you and your organization would gain a wealth of happiness knowing that you have kept the youth in our community playing the great game of baseball.

The league package deal which consists of 6 teams cost the sponsor \$300.00 per year. This includes T-shirts with the sponsors names, caps and all the balls, bats and other equipment necessary. In other words each league is equipping 90 boys at the total cost of \$300.00.

These leagues will be completely supervised by the Oakland Recreation Department, who will have instructors available and also arrange for the umpires and the schedules.

In concluding, the sponsor will have no responsibility and possibly will get one big kick out of the fact that a lot of boys will be playing with his name on their shirts and becoming good sportsman and good citizens.

We would sincerely appreciate a favorable reply in the near future so that we can make arrangements to have sufficient supervisors and grounds available for the season.



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RW campaigns hit by Episcopal dean

WASHINGTON — The campaigns in seven states for "right-to-work" referendums have been denounced as misleading by the Very Rev. Francis Bowes Sayre, Jr., Episcopal dean of Washington Cathedral since 1951.

"We must not be misled by the phrase 'right-to-work' into thinking that any man or any legislature can guarantee a man's job," Dean Sayre warned, "or make a new job for him. Actually this slogan has been often used to disguise an attack upon the trade unions."

The statement by Dean Sayre concurs with those of more than a dozen leading churchmen of the Catholic, Methodist, Congregational and Jewish faiths, who have also denounced the socalled 'right-to-work' promotions.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxman, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops, recently called "right-to-work" a "sanctimonious subterfuge, being foisted upon the public."

Dean Sayre, born in the White House, a grandson of President Woodrow Wilson, has devoted much of his career to work among factory workers.

"Unions are voluntary associations of workers, who band together to insure proper conditions at their common place of employment," he said. "Such associations and the agreements to which they come with management—whether an 'open shop' or 'union shop'—should not be unfairly restricted by these so-called 'right-to-work' laws."—AFL-CIO News.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

During the month of July there are a number of changes in the officers of your local union, the district council and the building trades council, all of which is only possible if all of us will sacrifice a little and not expect to be paid every time we cross a boundary line or cross a bridge, even though we may be the top man in an organization. I see by the press that the whole state is going to ruin if Proposition 17 is carried. I wonder what will happen if Proposition 18 is carried, where will the sales taxes and income taxes come from when the workers' wage is cut and he is put in a position where he can buy only the bare necessities of life?

I wonder if the Chamber of Commerce, the Taxpayers' Association and the socalled real estate board will squawk as much then as they are doing now on Proposition 17 when they will have make up the difference in the greater amount of relief that will have to be paid?

As has been stated in this column a number of times the dues for this quarter is \$27.30, please send in the proper amount.

Work at the present time is fairly good with only a few boys out because they cannot find jobs that are suitable for them.

What has become of the old union man that used to say, here is my card, brother, where is yours? As there were a number of members suspended at the end of June, it might be well to get back to that habit and ask for that card, whether he be a friend or not.

Ernest A. Rossi - FLOWERS

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Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The members from the San Jose area, at their July 1 meeting, turned out the largest attendance of members ever had at a membership meeting since they were organized. The turnout of members was of course due to the Mutual Watch Institute of America controversy.

The members in San Jose were of the same opinion as the San Francisco group inasmuch as they felt that this issue must be met hearon, therefore, unanimously voted to assess themselves \$2 per month to carry on this fight.

One of the members reported having visited a number of drug stores and through his efforts had been successful in obtaining the cooperation of the pharmacists not to establish \$6.95 watch repair service through the Mutual Watch Institute of America. Other members were requested to carry on a similar campaign.

Some of you oldtime members will remember the Proprietor Watchmakers' Association originally started by Soderman and Nelson of 140 Geary street whose present president is John Carbone.

A news letter for June from John Grey, the association's secretary, has been circularized condemning the union's action for picketing the Mutual Watch Institute of America. From this approach we must assume that the Proprietor Watchmakers are in favor of price cutting and advertising. Of course I can add that the balance of the letter is an attempt to get support for the "right to work" legislation.

Enough said on this outfit—we only mention it as proof of our contention that this association is not run for the benefit of the watchmaker, or the watch repair industry.

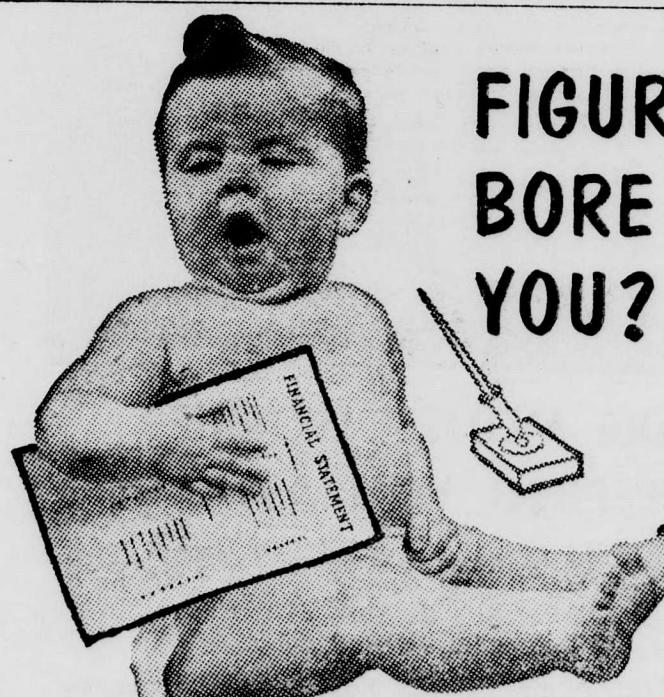
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Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

When a worker doesn't vote, he cuts his own throat. Non-voters are somewhat disgusting. Letting politicians determine our conditions, is really more stupid than trusting.

The unemployment specter, is a gloomy injector of statistics we often ignore. We're in a recession, a potential depression, and it's happened to America before.

Time marches on, and some future dawn may break on a scene of despair. Those stones that were thrown at Dick Nixon have shown it's time we began to beware.

When nations berate us, despise us and hate us, we'd best take a look at what's wrong. The present administration is receiving repudiation, and Russia may feel we're not strong.

Read and review the newspapers too. Reflect on the news of the day. There's recession, oppression, and moral transgression. Is this a sign of decay?

Don't blame legislators. Blame yourselves, their creators, who consistently choose Labor's foes. If Knowland can win you, and his arrogance continue, you deserve being led by your nose.

'Right to work' would create industry chaos, says Edward P. Park

Edward P. Park, director, California State Department of Industrial Relations, has joined the growing list of public officials, business and church leaders who have taken a stand against Proposition 18, the so-called "right to work" measure.

Park said adoption of Proposition 18 would "create controversy and chaos in industrial relations."

He said that more than 3,000 labor unions in California now have collective bargaining agreements, "freely negotiated with employers."

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

July 11 — 7 p.m., 2416 Potter Street, Oakland. A "Patio barbecue dinner. Eleanor Clapp, the out-going president hostess, and in-coming president, Bea Cameron co-hostess are planning a delightful party.

July 22 — 7:30 p.m. Anna Strand is entertaining the sewing club at a very special party, 2930 - 23rd Ave., Oakland.

July 26—Installation will be at the Diamond Horseshoe, 2033 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland 7 p.m. Husbands may attend. Call KE-2-5399 for reservations. Newly elected officers: President, Bea Cameron; vice-president, Wilmie Frazier; financial secretary, Agnes Anderson, and recording secretary, Julia Sjoberg.

Sick List—Jean Moss, over the measles; Veronica Walsh, a fractured ankle, cards most welcome.

Wilmie Frazier entertained guests recently, a stork shower for Peggy Smith's daughter-in-law, Jackie Smith.

Martha Light, reports she had a wonderful time on her vacation in Utah.

There were 13 members attending the annual sewing club dinner party last month.

This will be my last report for the paper. I sincerely wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary and staff members of East Bay Labor Journal who have given the auxiliary space for their news. It has been a pleasure working for and with you. The scrap book is up to date with all clippings. Thank you.

Hoffa keeps on building that rival Federation, or whatever it isn't!

Teamster President James R. Hoffa, International Longshoremen's Association President William V. Bradley, and National Maritime Union President Joe Curran have signed a pact setting up a Conference of Transportation Unity, with Harry Bridges, ILWU invited to come in, the water's fine.

(See editorial on page 8).

The ILWU has signed a one-year pact with the Pacific Maritime Association calling for a 10-cent hourly rise for longshoremen and 11 cents for ship's clerks, retroactive to June 16.

The ILWU and the Teamster Warehousemen continue to cooperate in negotiations for warehousemen.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

There will be only one meeting a month during July, August, and September. This will be held on the first Thursday of each of those months.

During that period there will be two executive board meetings a month, on the first and third Thursdays.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Effective July 1, 1958 the union office will be open Monday through Friday, 9:30-12:00 A.M. and 1:00-5:30 P.M., also on the First and Third Tuesdays of each month (Executive board and regular meeting nights) from 6:30-8:30 P.M.

We do not have the home address and telephone numbers of some of our members. We request that each brother or sister ask your fellow worker if he or she receives this labor paper. If he does not it indicates that we do not have their correct address. Please tell him to contact this office by phone TW 3-2480 as soon as possible. He or she may be missing important information such as job referrals, etc.

Fraternally,
PETE CEREMELLO,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 P.M. at Carpenter's Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special called meeting July 25, Friday, at 8 p.m. to vote on the election of delegates to the general convention of Carpenters and to elect delegates to the State Federation of Labor.

Steward's meeting will be Thursday, July 17.

Educational Committee will meet Wednesday, July 23.

Your local union and your officers recommend that you register and vote at the November 4th, 1958, election. Registration can be made at your union hall, fire station or at the County Court house.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON
Recording Secretary

Carpenters Local 36 has organized a Credit Union chartered under the corporation laws of the State of California.

At a meeting held Saturday, June 27, 1958, the following officers were elected: Anders Larsen, president; L. B. Flanigan, vice-president; Vane V. Dart, treasurer; Howell Frazier, secretary.

Membership is \$1.00 and shares may be purchased at \$5.00 each. All members and their families are urged to participate.

The next meeting is to be held Wednesday, July 9 at the Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., 8:00 p.m.

HOWELL FRAZIER,
Secretary, Credit Union

CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TW 3-1120.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

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AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

A regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 15, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8:00 P.M.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Your attention regarding the monthly amount of dues is requested. Starting July 1, 1958 dues in the local revert to \$5.00 per month or \$15.00 per quarter. The 50¢ per month assessment in effect the past two years is no longer in force as of July 1 of this year.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

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HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

A special called meeting, July 11 at 8 p.m. to vote for delegates to the convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. This is an important election. It is the duty of every member to vote.

Active contracting members and those who have not been a member of Local No. 1622 for 12 consecutive months are not eligible to vote, (as per Sec. 43, Par. Q and Sec. 42, Par. W of the International Constitution).

There will be no meeting July 4th because of the holiday.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

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HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary

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HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, July 18 a regular meeting will be called to order to consider such business as may regularly come before it. One item of great interest to every one of us is the attitude of some of our present political leaders, and their backers, who are out to destroy the many benefits we now have.

Previous to our meeting Friday, July 18 a movie film titled "Monopoly" will be shown in Carpenters 1622 No. 1 Hall. The Carpenters are going along with us in showing this film. The time 8 p.m. and no charge for admission.

The film shows the appearance of President Reuther of the UAW before a Senate committee with Senator Kefauver as the chairman, with reference to the disparity in the increase in the price of automobiles to that of the increase in wages by Ford and GM. Another subject of interest to all.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

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PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of the local will be Thursday, July 10. We will have installation of your new officers for the coming year. Come down and make it a large meeting for your new President Sam Caponio and other officers.

With the reorganizing of District Council No. 16 the meetings have been very interesting of late, always something new and important coming up. Let's start the new term off with a bang.

Fraternally yours,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN
Recording Secretary

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CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Please be advised that the dues, insurance and assessments for the third quarter (July, August, September) total \$25.35. Your cooperation in sending in the correct amount will be appreciated by the office staff.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER
Recording Secretary

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UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held at Eagle's Hall, 2238 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Again the meeting will be held in the afternoon at 2 P.M.

The executive board will meet at 1 P.M. sharp. The date will be the second Saturday in July which is the 12th day of the month. That will give the members a 3-day weekend on account of July 4 falling on a Friday.

Please make every effort to attend. Refreshments will again be served by the committee the chairman as usual being Coffee Jennings.

Fraternally yours,
CHAS HOBBS
Secretary-Treasurer

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PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local No. 444 will be held Wednesday, July 23, in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Please note that this is a change in meeting nights from the first Thursday to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

1. We will have the regular order of business.

2. Ben H. Beynon and Kenneth Eivilsizer will give their reports on the California State Joint Apprenticeship meeting held on June 11, 1958, at Poly Technical College in San Luis Obispo.

Fraternally,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Bus. Mgr. & Financial
Secretary-Treasurer

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STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Special called meeting Sunday, July 13, in the Machinists Hall, 3637 San Pablo Avenue, at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: Participation in the District No. 38 Strike Fund, and election of a Guide and Guard for the Union.

Fraternally yours,
DAVE ARCA,
Recording Secretary

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UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Meeting, Friday, July 25, 8 p.m., 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, (Installation of Officers.)

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDADIA,
Recording Secretary

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MILLMEN 550

Members! Be sure you put six cents in stamps on your due books when you mail them in to the union office. If you put only 3 cents in stamps on, as many have been doing, your union office pays not only the extra 3 cents but a 5-cent penalty which the Post Office now charges. Too much of your union money is being wasted in this way, so please remember.

Also, those wishing to donate blood are reminded to get in touch with the Kaiser hospital or with this office.

Fraternally,
E. H. OVENBERG,
Financial Secretary

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Recording Secretary

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CARPENTERS 1473

Fruitvale Local 1473 meets at Eagle's Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

'They don't have jurisdiction rows in England, but... says Amundson

Norman Amundson, well known here through his work as an organizer for Office Employees 29, told the Central Labor Council about his experiences in England during an 8-month stay there on a labor scholarship.

Amundson worked with unions in organizing while there, and also worked on a Labor Party campaign.

He and his English colleagues worked especially hard on organizing one plant's 100 workers. Then when the plant had been organized he was told that a union other than the one he's been working with had stepped in and claimed the jurisdiction, and taken it, too.

He complained to a British colleague, who said grandly:

"Oh, we don't have jurisdiction rows like you do. We're all one big union movement, and it doesn't matter what union a man belongs to so long as he belongs to a union."

Well, thought Amundson, that's just wonderful, and really is different from the way it is in the good old U.S.

Later, however, he got the inside dope. It seemed that two big national unions had been arguing about another 100 men in another town, and the capture of 100 by the union he'd worked for had brought on a spell of bargaining, and the higher-ups of the two national unions had swapped off, and settled their dispute that way.

So he figured things weren't so different, after all.

When he was working for the British Labor Party in a campaign he began to figure that the Labor Party candidate smelled like a phony. He imparted his budding suspicion to an English colleague, who replied:

"Yes, he's a phony, but he's OUR phony. If he gets in he'll vote with us. Here it's the party, not the personality, that counts."

Conditions among working people, judged by American standards, seemed rather poor, Amundson thought, but when he'd mention this, the reply would be:

"Oh no, you ought to see what it was like 20 years ago."

Manchester, where Amundson spent his time while in England, was one of the first big industrial or "black cities" in the kingdom, and to an American the jerry-building of the early housing was shocking.

"They first figured that it paid to put the workers' houses smack alongside each other so that only one wall was needed to join them," said Amundson. "Then they got smarter, and put them back to back, so only one joining wall was needed in the rear. Fortunately, you might

say, a lot of these houses were destroyed, so now the city looks a little better."

In one strike which Amundson witnessed, some workers passed through the picket lines, and the union leader was much distressed that blacklegs, as they call scabs, had appeared.

"In the old days, when we were all too poor to have any private means of transportation, we all lived together right around the plant where we worked," he said. "But now people have their own bicycles, and even some of them have automobiles, so they come in from distances to work here, and in the places where they live there isn't the community pressure on them to stick with the union."

The Britisher added that now young people get free college courses and many privileges, have no idea of what the union did for their families, and so they lack the oldtime union loyalty. Where it would all end he didn't know.

Second half year begins draggily

The nation entered the second half of 1958 facing the prospects of continued high unemployment and an economy chugging along at a rate well below capacity.

It faced also the prospect of a federal budget deficit of over \$10 billion for the 12 months starting July 1, 1958, stemming in large part from the Administration's

Albertoni thanks Fire Fighters for fine cooperation

Al Albertoni of Oakland in his report as 10th district vice president said in part:

We have completed the 14th biennial convention of the Federated Fire Fighters of California. It appears to be unanimous among all delegates and guests present that this was our most outstanding convention. This of course includes the hospitality, program, entertainment, as well as the constructive and progressive work accomplished.

The list of distinguished guests present included, President William Buck; Vice President Hector Wright from Canada; Tommy Pitts, President of the California State Federation of Labor; M. R. Callahan, President, Central Labor Council, Long Beach; Chief Heidner of Pasadena representing California Fire Chiefs; Chief Sandeman of Long Beach; Attorneys George Bodle, William T. Hays, and Mrs. Seegmiller of Washington, D. C.; Senator Richard Richards; and many others.

During the convention your retiring president and international officer of the 10th district received many commendations in the form of resolutions, plaques, citations, and a beautiful gold watch. All of these I accepted with humility and as graciously as I knew how, but on behalf of all the officers, representatives of the Federated, and many key members of the 10th District I. A. F. F. locals who have supported and assisted me in whatever success I have had on behalf of both the Federated and International Association of Fire Fighters.

Americans back on farms is program

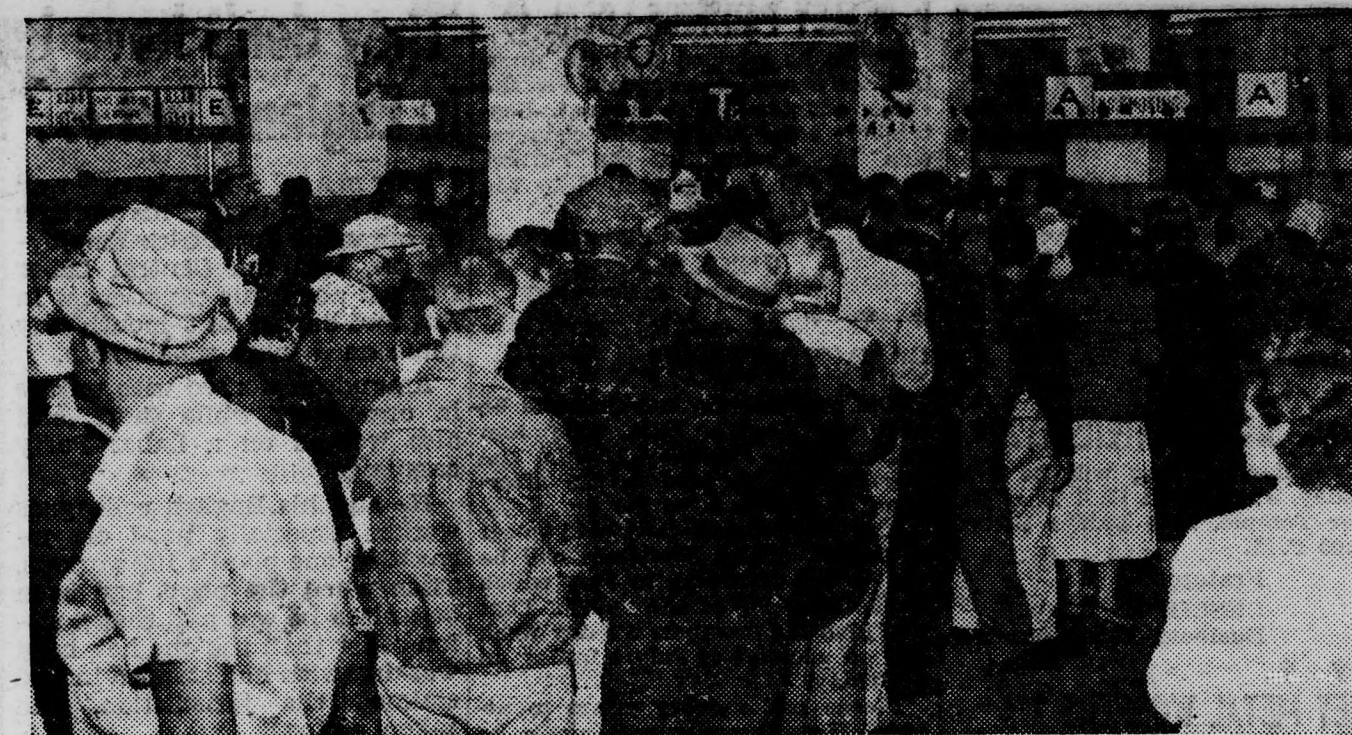
A program to "Put Americans Back on Farms Jobs" which are now held by imported contract workers from Mexico and other foreign countries is announced by the National Agricultural Workers Union AFL-CIO.

In a report made recently to Walter P. Reuther, president of the Industrial Union Department of AFL-CIO, officers of the Agricultural Workers Union (H. L. Mitchell, President and Ernesto Galarza, Secretary - Treasurer) state that with financial assistance from I. U. D. during the past 12 months, a new system of farm worker hiring halls was started, and 2,500 farm workers were enrolled in the union and registered from the more highly skilled and better paying farm jobs in California.

The report noted that four area wide local unions were formed, with an average of 200 members each. Thirty men and three women farm workers have been trained as "local business agents" whose job it is to enroll local resident farm workers and register them for jobs held by contract workers imported from Mexico.

In addition to the success in unionizing farm workers, the campaign of the National Agricultural Workers Union focused public attention on the importation of nearly a half million workers which the U. S. Secretary of Labor, James P. Mitchell, has announced will be drastically reduced in 1958.

THEATRICAL JANITORS 9 has sent a letter to the Central Labor Council thanking it for the assistance given in negotiations with the County Fair authorities which for a time looked as though they were going to break down and—this seemed to be what everybody was excited about—prevent ten days of horse racing from taking place.



SURPRISINGLY FEW of the many who have exhausted their unemployment benefits lined up for the first day of application for the 13 weeks extension of such benefits in Oakland this week. But the above picture shows them jamming the unemployment compensation office in New York City, the vanguard of some 60,000 workers in the state who have exhausted jobless benefits. The extra benefit period is made possible by acceptance by states of the stopgap measure passed by Congress. Most states have yet to follow suit, depriving the majority of exhaustees of temporary assistance while the recession drags on.

Many big dailies opposing 'right to work' campaigns

John Despol, secretary-treasurer of the California CIO Industrial Union Council has commended the National Council for Industrial Peace for its analysis of the American press' attitude against the so-called "right-to-work" issue. In a letter to the National Council for Industrial Peace, Despol said:

"Your publication of the opinions of a significant section of the American press gives proof that many responsible newspapers have, both in editorial and news columns, presented a fair and reasonable interpretation of the structure powers of this proposed legislation.

"Significant indeed is the opposition to "right-to-work" expressed by the Denver Post and the Kansas City Star.

More important, however, is the news column appearing in Time magazine which says 'A sign of how U.S.-style enlightened capitalism looks at labor-management relations, was the (right to work) measure was in the legislative mill, of several Indiana big businessmen. Among them: executives of Radio Corporation of America, Seagrams (liquor), the Allison Division (turbojet engines) of General Motors, and Cummins Engine, which manufactures half the diesel engines that propel U.S. Trucks.'

"Your reproduction of the editorial and news comments of a wide cross-section of the press indicates that a substantial number of editors and publishers are well aware of the dangers of 'right-to-work' to the American standard of living," Despol concluded.

'Business expense' when Goldfine gifted Adams: Was it monkey business?

Textile manufacturer Bernard Goldfine treated the gifts he gave Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams as business expenses and took federal income tax deductions for the items, he told reporters, but he blamed this on "routine" actions by his accountants.

The confirmation of earlier stories of the tax deduction came after Pres. Eisenhower had reaffirmed his trust for and his "need" of Adams in the White House and Vice President Nixon had expressed his confidence that the President would retain Adams as his chief of staff. — AFL-CIO News.

Ironic proposal for running U. S.

The recent statements by Chairman Doerfer of the FCC and by White House spokesman James Hagerty that they saw nothing wrong with the loan of color-television sets to themselves—since this enabled them to keep track of what was happening in the industry—are of course sound statements of 'wisdom and dedication.' The thing to do now is to extend this noble doctrine throughout the Government.

"I suggest therefore that we see that private railroad cars are 'loaned' to the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission and of course to Mr. Hagerty, so that they know what is going on with the railroads; that private airplanes be 'loaned' to the members of the CAA and the CAB and of course Mr. Hagerty, so that they may keep a more watchful eye on airplane operations; and perhaps we might go so far as to 'loan' stock of various corporations to members of the Securities and Exchange Commission and of course to Mr. Hagerty, so that they might have that peculiar sensation of knowing what it is like to have your stock go up or down as the case may be." — Marshall MacDuffie in letter to Washington Post and Times Herald, March 29, 1958.

House labor law prospects improve

House prospects for passage of labor legislation turned brighter when reports circulated that the Education and Labor Committee had agreed to begin consideration July 10 of the Douglas-Kennedy-Ives welfare fund bill.

AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany has asked the House to move in two steps—first, to take up and pass the welfare fund bill and second, to improve and pass the Kennedy-Ives compromise labor report and disclosure bill.

Both measures were previously cleared by the Senate by overwhelming votes after most punitive and harassing anti-labor amendments were beaten down. The welfare-fund bill won by an 83-to-0 vote, the Kennedy-Ives bill by an 88-to-1 division. — AFL-CIO News.

CWA SHOP STEWARDS in the Traffic Division are informing the telephone workers about the danger to unionism involved in Proposition 18. Vi Bogan of CWA 9415 has been organizing the arrangements for the spread of this vital information to the workers in that department of the giant industry with which CWA deals.

Gompers believed labor should get into politics, yes

The AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education has issued the following statement on a subject which comes up repeatedly:

Conservative business groups are redoubling their efforts to convince everybody, including unionists, that Samuel Gompers, founder and long-time president of the AFL, was opposed to labor participation in politics.

The latest example of this was a statement made by Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.), who is trying to drive organized labor out of the political picture. Goldwater, at Senate Labor Committee hearings, remarked that workers might be persuaded to "get back to the suggestion of Samuel Gompers that they stay out of politics."

Just exactly what was it that Samuel Gompers suggested? In order that this question may be answered definitely and once and for all, Press Associates, the labor news agency, went to the files of the writings of Gompers as kept in the AFL-CIO library.

Among the documents there is a slim pamphlet published in 1920 and written by the late president of the AFL. It is called "Labor's Political Banner Unfurled." On the title page is a box citing Gompers' famous advice to the labor movement calling on it to stand by its friends and oppose its enemies. The exact quotation reads:

"Stand faithfully by our friends and elect them. Oppose our enemies and defeat them; whether they be candidates for President, for Congress or other offices; whether Executive, Legislative or Judicial." The words "elect" and "defeat" are underlined, so that there can be no mistake about what Gompers meant.

Dubinsky is using label to fight the racketeers

The Ladies' Garment Workers' war against racketeers who have infiltrated the dress industry took shape as ILWU Pres. David Dubinsky announced a reshuffling of the union's top officers to step up the attack and a \$2 million appropriation to finance it for the next two years.

The money will go to promote the ILWU's new union label, which manufacturers under contract will begin to sew into their products beginning next Jan. 1, and to appeal to the women of America to buy dresses made under union conditions rather than under the sweatshop conditions of nonunion plants often controlled by underworld figures. — AFL-CIO News.

Top court ruling puts new force in 160-acre petition

Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Hager of the State Federation of Labor has issued the following statement:

The United States Supreme Court decision upholding the 160-acre water limit gives fresh impetus to the campaign to qualify an initiative making the limitation a part of state as well as federal law. Justice Tom Clark, speaking for the court, said:

"It is reasonable to limit the amount of project water available to each individual in order that benefits may be distributed in accordance with the greatest good to the greatest number of individuals."

"The limitation insures that the enormous expenditures will not go in disproportionate share to a few individuals with large land holdings. Moreover, it prevents the use of the Federal Reclamation Service for speculation purposes."

With these words, and by a unanimous 8 to 0 opinion, the highest court in the land conforms a view that the California State Federation of Labor has held from the beginning.

As efforts are made increasingly to open the state treasury for state water project construction, it becomes increasingly necessary to bring state law into line with federal law to assure that state funds, too, will be used for the greatest good to the greatest number of individuals.

The California State Federation of Labor urges every union member, and invites all citizens to seek out an opportunity to sign the initiative petition sponsored by the California Water and Power Users' Association. Access to a petition may be had at any AFL local union in the state of California, or from the California State Grange.

Nagle reelected by Postal union

WASHINGTON — Paul A. Nagle was reelected president of the National Postal Transport Association, following the union's biennial secret mail election.

Also reelected were Wallace J. Legge of Springfield, Va., industrial secretary, and Jerauld McDermott of Portsmouth N.H., secretary-treasurer.

Because no candidate received a majority of the votes cast for vice president, the union has scheduled a run-off election for July 31 between the two leading contenders, Harold A. Manker of Kansas City, Mo., and Verner A. Nelson of Minneapolis. (AFL-CIO News).

Ad magazine says most labor publications 100% ethical in operations

The country's leading trade publication for advertising executives has described "the handful of operators who have been exposed by the McClellan Committee for having taken advantage of the good name of the labor press with personal get-rich schemes" as being "neither typical nor representative of the great majority of labor publications whose operators are 100% ethical."

Advertising Age, the national newspaper of marketing, described the active opposition of the International Labor Press Association against those who use questionable techniques for soliciting advertising. The article which appeared in a recent issue of the weekly publication said that the ILPA has long fought so-called "shakedown artists" whenever they have appeared.

State Federation urges big drive for registration

An urgent voter registration appeal has been made to every local affiliate by the California State Federation of Labor.

In a communication directed to all locals, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, noted that during the primary election registration period, an "encouraging number" of central councils and local unions sponsored successful registration programs.

Haggerty said that "beyond any doubt", the success of this effort was reflected in the primary results.

Haggerty asked local unions to contact central labor councils for participation in council registration programs.

He urged local union action where central council programs had not been established.

Letters were also directed to central councils in the state explaining that the very survival of California labor would depend on the success of central council registration efforts.

Enclosed with the central council mailing were copies of **FIVE WAYS TO VICTORY**, a pamphlet explaining five alternate procedures for conducting registration drives.

Closing date for registration of voters for the general election is September 11.—State Federation Newsletter.

Labor Standards Act 'inadequate'

WASHINGTON—A protest against the inadequacies of the Fair Labor Standards Act, coupled with a plea to Congress to "improve the lot of the forgotten men and women of 1958—those condemned to substandard wages," was expressed by AFLCIO President Geo. Meany in a radio broadcast.

The act was signed by the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt on June 25, 1938.

Meany made it clear he was not asking for higher wages for union members, whose standards "for the most part are considerably above those set by this law."

"We are pleading the cause of the unorganized worker who, because he is unorganized, must look to Congress for alleviation of his economic plight," he said. "To put it bluntly, these men and women are being exploited. Their wages are set at the lowest possible level to which their employers can force them. In our judgment they are entitled, by every test of humanitarianism and justice, to the protection of the Fair Labor Standards act."—AFLCIO News.

Jim Quinn, past president of BTC, discusses his candidacy

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conducted by the Ladies Garment Workers.

WEST OAKLAND RENEWAL

Vice President Joseph F. Pruss (BTC President-elect, to be installed at the next meeting) who is a member of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency's board, showed a copy of a folder that has been put out by the agency entitled "Urban Renewal in West Oakland." The folder answers many questions. One of them, "What is the cost of urban renewal?" is answered as follows:

Property owners fix up their own homes. This is their cost. In return for their cooperation the City and the Federal Government pay all the costs of fixing up the neighborhood and removing bad housing.

The Federal Government pays two-thirds of the cost. The City's one-third share can be in the form of new schools, parks, playgrounds or streets.

SENATE BILL 7168

On recommendation of the Board of Business Agents the delegates voted to have wires sent supporting the passage of Senate Bill 7168 which affects the building industry.

BOYS' BASEBALL

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from Abe Rose, calling attention to the fact that two Young America baseball leagues could be financed for \$600, and BTC Business Representative Childers suggested that if 12 locals would contribute \$50 apiece, this would make up the \$600. The boys' baseball leagues are considered a strong weapon in the prevention of delinquency.

Delegate Gulbransen of Painters 127 and delegates from Carpenters 36, among others, have been interested in the idea.

RESPONSIBLE RELATIVE'

Childers reported conferring with the Board of Supervisors on the "responsible relative" clause in the ordinance providing that the county can slap a lien on property to recover money spent on care of a person at Highland hospital.

Childers said there was one case where a man of 58 in a bar thrust his fist through the wall on a dare, injured his hand, and was taken to the hospital. His "responsible relative," aged 80, was his father.

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, commented on the relation of this to taxes, and said that labor, which has through its health and welfare programs taken such a load off the taxpayers, is in a good position to discuss these matters with the authorities.

RIGHT TO WORK'

A motion to ask the Central Labor Council to set up a com-

mittee on the fight against "right to work" with which a BTC committee could work was carried.

RAPID TRANSIT

Childers was authorized to serve on the Trade & Transportation Committee, which is a group devoted to carrying out the rapid transit project. Frank Galliano and Cyril Magin are among its members.

HIRING PRACTICES

Childers called attention to the long article in a recent issue of the Daily Pacific Builder by Fenton of the NLRB on building trades hiring practices.

WAXIDE, MACARONI

Childers said that building tradesmen needed to keep check on the Western Waxide plant and the Golden Macaroni plant, where unions not belonging to the BTC have contracts, and where it is necessary to make sure that work belonging to building tradesmen goes to them.

WEAVER GAS CO.

Childers said that the Weaver Gas Co. on Bigge road, a propane gas firm, where some nonunion plumbers had been employed, was now conforming to BTC rules.

RW SIGNATURES

Childers said that he had discussed with C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, State Federation of Labor, the possibility of demanding an investigation of disparities between the numbers of signatures accepted in various counties for the "right to work" measure, but Haggerty felt that the matter was not worth troubling about now, that the main thing is to concentrate on beating the proposed amendment to the constitution in November.

GLAZIERS PROBLEMS

Bob Kerr of Glaziers 169 said that the union is having difficulty in negotiations and is approaching a crisis. The scale of \$3.09 for journeymen is all the way from 23 to 53 cents behind the scales of other crafts in the industry, he said, and the union feels justified in insisting on a 32-cent package: 18 cents per hour in pay increase, 7 cents for various inequities, and 7 cents fringes.

JOHN KING WEARS ANOTHER HAT NOW AS THE HEAD OF COUNTY DEMOS COMMITTEE

At the official reorganization meeting of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee Tuesday John King, Grand Lodge representative, International Association of Machinists, was elected chairman. Last week he was elected president of the Oakland Board of Education.

—and I see a joint checking account at

BANK OF AMERICA!



MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

FE ROOM REDEDICATION 7:45 P.M. MON., JULY 14

The William P. Fee Conference Room having been moved from the first floor to the third floor of the Labor Temple near the new office of the Central Labor Council, the room will be rededicated at 7:45 p.m. Monday, July 14, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash announces, just before the council meeting.

The room with its beautiful specially designed furnishings was established in honor of the memory of the late William P. Fee, for many years assistant secretary of the council.

GOP figures if you win you must be Socialist, and possibly Communist?

J. Marcus Hardin, chairman of the GOP in Alameda county, who has been beating the big tomtom ever since the primary election, came out with this one in a press release announcing the official meeting of the newly elected Alameda County Republican Central Committee July 8 at the Courthouse:

"Many, otherwise complacent, leaders in the county realize, as result of the primary election returns, just how far socialistic leaders have infiltrated the Democrat party, and that the threat to our personal freedom and free enterprise is very real. This fact, I might say, is also suddenly being recognized by many thinking Democrats."

Boost for plumbing by unions and employers

WASHINGTON — A review and revision of previously developed techniques to promote wider use of plumbing and pipe fitting installations and materials in construction was authorized by a joint labor-management committee at a meeting in Washington.

Working together in the campaign are the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters National Association of Plumbing Contractors and Mechanical Contractors Association.

Kaiser hospital office employees... take strike vote

The 250 members of Office Employees 29 who work for the Kaiser hospital and its allied institutions have cast a 90% vote in favor of a strike if necessary, John Kinnick told the Central Labor Council this week.

"Many of you are members of the Kaiser Health Plan," said Kinnick, "so I realize you are concerned about this. But it looks serious just now. The employer has made no wage offer in ten meetings. All that is proposed by the management is that we agree to go in with another union whose members do a different kind of work in another city, and that we accept on a tandem deal whatever they accept under a 4-year contract."

Kinnick reminded the delegates that three years ago Local 29 struck the Kaiser people for 4 days before a settlement was won, and then only 5 cents an hour was gained; and that two years ago if the CLC hadn't given the local a big lift there might have been a strike, and that only 5 cents was gained then under a 2-year contract.

"A State conciliator is working on the matter now," said Kinnick, "and we are asking the council's assistance. Every effort is being made to avoid a strike."

Kinnick added that Local 29 has just signed a satisfactory contract with the milk companies, has recently organized office workers employed by three freighting outfits, and that the membership has now attained a high of 1940.

They not only forgot it they never did know it!

Some things are so funny that you just laugh and laugh. For instance, this big headline in the July 5 issue of the Peoples World:

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Time to wake up and see what goes in Hoffaland!

All of us in organized labor who have been enjoying a comfortable nap should now sit up in bed, rub our eyes, and look about us to see what's going on in Hoffaland.

Last week the indefatigable James R. announced that a long step forward had been taken in the carrying out of his plan to form an alliance of air, rail, water, and truck transportation workers.

A pact creating a Conference of Transportation Unity had just been signed by Hoffa as head of the Teamsters, by President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union, and by President William V. Bradley of the International Longshoremen's Association.

According to United Press, "Hoffa said an invitation would be extended to Harry Bridges' West Coast International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union."

Very few of our readers need to be reminded that the Teamsters were recently expelled from the AFL-CIO for corrupt leadership, with Hoffa one of the leaders accounted corrupt and the pal of gangsters and racketeers; that the International Longshoremen's Association was expelled from the AFL some years ago for corrupt leadership; and that Bridges' union was expelled from the CIO for Communist leadership.

The recent bitter dispute of Joe Curran, head of the NMU, with AFL-CIO President George Meany is less widely lodged in the public mind, but certainly Meany has said some very sharp things about some of Curran's conduct, and Curran has shown very little respect for Meany's efforts to bring about a decent unity of spirit into a labor movement which he is determined to have free from either Communism or corruption.

Whether any air or rail unions are seriously considering joining up with this precious aggregation we don't know, but within the last few months AFL-CIO unions always considered above reproach have formed working alliances with Hoffa which have disquieted those who know how big poison oaks out of little seeds can grow.

The strategic power of a combination of transcontinental trucks, longshoremen on both coasts; and a big sailors union is obvious, especially if led by an unscrupulous associate of Johny Dio and other crooks in the underworld.

Meany has remained silent through many of these developments, but we are sure he is not taking a nap, nor is he yawning, we feel quite sure, as he stands up and takes notice.

For he knows, as any of us know who keep awake, that one big strike by this combination under such leadership would start a wave of anti-union feeling in this country which would make all that has hitherto hit us seem mild indeed.

Taxation is not robbery

The Building Trades Council recently dropped its affiliation with the Alameda County Taxpayers Association on the ground that the association seems to be against most of the things labor is interested in.

William A. Davis, chairman of the board for the Taxpayers Association, when opposing various health programs which have been proposed, told the Supervisors:

"Alameda county must maintain a healthy tax climate that will attract business and industry to the county."

Do no more for the health of the people than is now being done, but create a "healthy" tax climate so business and industry will feel they can get by on the cheap here. It sounds a bit like Mississippi's advertised policy of keeping labor cheap so factories will locate there.

However, we're used to large taxpayers who have larger interests than we labor people getting off this kind of talk. The really alarming thing is the number of working people who fall for this propaganda of the larger taxpayers, and begin to talk as if every penny of tax money they give to any form of government is sheer robbery of their purse.

Too many labor people fail to realize that money spent on taxation is a legitimate consumer's expense. We need more public services better financed than we have. Yet the attitude of not only the wealthier people but of too many of our own people is such that Congress, for instance, hasn't really moved up on the problem of getting more schools built, and local school boards have a desperate time raising from the public the amounts they need, or even smaller amounts than they need.

Millions for beer and cosmetics, but not one cent for schools! is that what we're moving toward?

A NATIONAL DISASTER is the only appropriate phrase to use in describing the Federal court's decision destroying the Little Rock integration program. It encourages every potential tin-horn Hitler in the South to faubusize.



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OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

TEACHERS

JIM MOORE, Local 302, says in a letter too long to quote in its entirety that he "violently disagrees with" the recent actions of CLC Executive Secretary Robert S. Ash in appearing before the Oakland Board of Education and protesting against the low wage rise granted the teachers. He argues as follows:

"The end result of the barginings of labor is something that is actually in existence here and now. For simplification I will call this object net profit. I believe with all my heart that labor has a just right to a larger percent of this net profit, and that regardless of the cost of living we should fight to attain his goal. As an example: Let us say the net profit is 25% and we get 5%, leaving 20% to management and capital. We should not consider a single battle won until our percentage is up to say 10% and capital is down to 15%. This is obviously not happening today. The cost of labor goes up and immediately this cost is met not out of net profit but via an increase in consumer prices. But, nevertheless, the goal is there.

"On the other hand where is the pot of gold for the teacher, city employee, or for that matter any non-productive worker? It is not in existence. All Government workers are paid through taxes, and all taxes paid are already distributed in their entirety. For this reason any action which causes an increase in expenses covered by taxes must of necessity be met by an increase in taxation. Who pays the taxes? Labor."

Moore contends that Ash should consider "labor and all that term denotes" his "only master," and that he should "remember that any increase in our basic living costs, not counting a cost of living increase due to our own victories, actually puts us in a worse position than we were in to start with."

Moore says that he is "not saying that these people are not entitled to more of this, and that," but "I am saying to Mr. Ash" or to any labor leader that "it is none of your business."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Teachers can't be classed as non-productive workers, taxes are a legitimate cost for labor people as consumers, labor doesn't pay all the taxes, and teachers are labor people for whom a labor leader naturally speaks.

MORE ON TEACHERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

I have been reading with great interest the attempts of Brother Ash to help the teachers in Oakland. Let me say, that as president of the State Federation of Teachers, I know of no single labor Council Representative in the entire state who takes a greater interest in the public schools and the plight of the teachers than does Brother Ash.

From where I look at things it is a real tribute to the Oakland teachers. It is a real tragedy which we hope to be able to rectify, that so few teachers in the Oakland system recognize the outstretched hand of friendship given them by the labor movement . . .

I was born and bred in a labor atmosphere and it is difficult for me to talk to chicken-hearted teachers. Consequently I know that the labor movement has a right to get disgruntled after the teachers have showed so much cowardice and so little understanding of the economic facts of life. And so, while thanking the Alameda Labor Council for its friendly work in behalf of the schools, I also beg you not to become disheartened. For the goal of the labor movement is not only to organize teachers but also to educate them and to be the people's guardian—a sort of public defender—of our public school. Because of the fine Alameda labor movement, I hope to be able to send some organizational help to the Oakland area in the near future.

Fraternally and sincerely,
BEN RUST.

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SAWDUST JOKER

I think you are to be congratulated on your Editorial on the Sawdust Joker in the White House and his boss, Adams.

I have been wondering for a long time when somebody would get enough intestinal fortitude, as you have . . .

Sincerely,
W. YEOMAN.

(Editor's Note: But it doesn't take much intestinal fortitude to criticize the poor stooge now that the GOP has used him up as a front—they attack him themselves.)

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STILL ALIVE

America is not even seriously ill, let alone dying. — UC President Emeritus Robt. G. Sproul

NOVEMBER: OUR CRISIS

By MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary,
Carpenters 1622

The National Association of Manufacturers, Senator Knowland and Senator Goldwater and their followers who oppose the union shop have succeeded in placing the "right to work" proposition on the November ballot. Knowland's "union democracy" is only a new coined phrase to mislead the public, just as is the "right to work." Instead of protecting union members, the object is to oppose the democratic processes which has been generally accepted in the whole of our society and to block its extension into the industrial and economic life of America.

Labor and the public minded people of California cannot sit idly by in this "right to work" campaign which the anti-labor forces are using to mislead the public. It will be the duty of labor organizations and the individual rank and file union members to get busy and acquaint themselves with the false propaganda put out by these anti-labor and anti-social forces and bring the truth to their members and to the public.

The McClellan anti-racket Congressional committee has exposed racketeering by some of the international union leaders. The anti-labor forces are using these unfortunate wrongdoings by a few union leaders to disgrace and undermine the mass of honest leaders and union officials and thereby undermine the strength and effectiveness of organized labor.

The United States is great and economically strong because of organized labor and the hard work of its leaders through the years, which has given the laboring men and women the highest standard of living in the world. These anti-labor forces are placing capital rights ahead of human welfare and are forgetting that it is the efficient and hard work of labor which has built our strong economy and brought about our high standard of living. They do not realize that it is the laboring people's purchasing power that has built, maintained and is upholding our superior economy, the wealthiest nation on earth.

If the "right to work" proposition should pass at the November election in the State of California it will set back the effectiveness of labor for years in the United States because the enemies of labor in the Congress will be aided in their endeavors to pass a national right to work law and should that happen it would lower that American standard of living and undermine the whole economy.

This is too good!

Dr. D. A. Worcester of the University of Wisconsin has come up with one of the most brilliant ideas of the atomic age: a crash program in understanding our fellow man.

It's so basically sound and simple that we're sure nothing will be done about it.

Dr. Worcester, in an address to the International Council for Exceptional Children, said it is illuminating but not very inspiring to note how much the United States spends on understanding guided missiles and how little it spends on understanding those who guide them.

"The hue and cry right now is for more scientists . . . We are proposing new institutions and unlimited budgets to develop means of destroying our enemies," he said. "It is conceivable that a similar expenditure in support of talented minds devoted to the understanding of the peoples of the world might render unnecessary the instruments of annihilation.

"It might even make our present enemies our friends."—United Mine Workers Journal